

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: vvvgPicture_097

Other Known Title: vvgPicture_097.jpg

Format: Computer Image File

Director/Author: Not Applicable

Producer/Publisher: Not Applicable

Country of Origin: Not Stated

Language: English

Applicant: Comptroller of Customs

Distributor: Not Applicable

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive Note: Not Applicable

Display Conditions: Not Applicable

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Excisions: Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons
for classification:**

The computer image file *vvvgPicture_097* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The computer image file is objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The image shows a girl in her early to mid-teenage years partially naked. The image is presented in a manner intended to sexually titillate or arouse viewers. The computer file format, and the image the file contains, encourages viewers to pursue a sexual interest in young persons and validates the idea that young persons are suitable sexual partners for adults.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention in s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The classification is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.